Griff Discusses Baker's Retirement---Jones Should Star in Meet---Forfeits Are Posted

AND GLAD TO LEARN BAKER LEAVES GAME

Old Fox Hates to Have Such Good Type of Player Quit, **But Tickled at Missing Those** Home Run Drives.

Ray Morgan Has Some Warm Work Coming to Him at Charlottesville, If He Reports Out of Good Condition.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Clark Griffith, boss of the Nationals, is sorry and glad that Frank Baker has decided to quit the Mackmen, retiring from the diamond to his green acres at Trappe, Md.

I am tickled to death to have him get out of that infield that has caused me so much trouble these last three years. He has been a pest to my ball club and, having him go, ought to make me grin. Maybe now

"Speaking seriously, however, Baker will be missed greatly by the Philadelphia fans. Quiet and serious in his disposition, he fought his way into the favor of the rooters. Remember the cries of 'yellow' that used to go up? Cobb was supposed to have Baker out ond base Well, Baker proved by actual work that he had as much nerve as any man in the game. He took the spike wounds and other injuries as part of a day's work. Furthermore, if you look at the record books, you'll find that Baker covered as much ground as any other third baseman in the business. Those old wallops of his are going to be missed many a day next summer.

Without James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, today; likewise is New York without a Federal League ball club. The director general of the baby major folded his tent and slipped away for Pinchurst, N. C., without leaving the Indianapolis Feds here, as the provided and the provided and

Ray Morgan, the Griffmen's pudgy secondsacker, informs his boss that he working hard every day in a gym at ondsacker, informs his boss that he working hard every day in a gym at titmore.
Well for him that he is grant hop.

old Fox. "If that bird reports hog-fat, he'll have the time of his young life once he lands at Charlottesville. He'll do about twice as much work as any other man in the squad. He'll work early and late, and will be ready to drop to the ground when given the word to quit. There'll be no parkdes downtown hights for him. He'll go to hed as soon as he has his supper down.

down."

Morgan put on a lot of weight during the winter and it showed that he would never be able to make his old job secure until he had gone through a course of sprouts to test all his gameness. It was suggested that Mique Martin take Ray in hand, but the Baltimorean frowned on that. He asked for permission to train in his home town, and is said to be doing so. But woe to him if ne hasn't been faithful in his training! He'll have it coming at Charlottesville.

Booth Hopper, the pitcher obtained from St. Louis in exchange for Tommy Long, notifies Manager Griffith of the death of Hopper, et. However, Hopper will report on time to go to Charlottes-ville. He is spending the winter at his home in Jackson, Tenn.

happy training camp. The Tigers will work once more at Gulfport, Miss., and the sorrel-topped leader wants to be on hand when the bell rings. He will have some ten days' start on his athletes.

Feds in New England

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BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 17.—James A.

Gilmore, president of the Federal leader.

Yankees' battery candidates at Hot Springs, Ark. They expect to get some light batting practice, the weather is so soft and balmy.

says that he will celebrate every future annual American League meeting with a great banquet to the managers and scribes. However, all magnates will be barred, he says. Cap knows sensitive.

Harry Wolverton, managing the San Francisco club, has released uncondi-tionally Charlie O'Leary, once some in-Selder with the pennant-winning Detroit Tigers. O'Leary is the latest old star to fall by the wayside in the retrench-neut scheme now popular in all leagues.

Fordham's First Workout Is Scheduled for Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. -Today brings the beginning of indoor baseball practice tonight, meeting Syracuse University at Fordham. For the last few days the smell of camphor has been noticeable. University in Philadelphia, as both the dormitories and much baseball teams are on their trips north. ady to be donned today and used in

About forty candidates have handed in their names to Capt. Harry Kane and Manager Walt Lynch. 15, has arranged to have the netting placed for the indoor cage. Coach Jack Warner, the old Glant catcher, who made such a fine impression with the Fotdham students last year, and did some remarkable work with the team, was on hand yesterday arranging things and will assume complete control today.

Garfield Wins.

players. The G. W. U. team takes on F. and M. at Lancaster, Pa., and then goes to New York. If St. John's cancels with the Burg and Blue players it is not unlikely that they will come home instead of wait'ng over in New York for the West Point game on Mongress. Peck Chapel proved no match for the pierers in this respect.

GRIFF IS SORRY THIS GREAT SLUGGER PREFERS FARMER'S QUIET LIFE FRANK BAKER QUITS TODAY'S SPORTORIAL TO WINNING CHEERS AND DOLLARS ON MANY DIAMONDS



On the left you see J. FRANKLIN BAKER waiting for a slow one, while on the right you see him swing viciously at one of Walter Johnson's fast ones.

Blue and White May Have Old Alumnus Showing 'Ike' Mac-Donald's Lads Points.

Gould Menefee star catcher with Cen-

WORKING IN ARMORY

Uncle Nick Altrock Assumes

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 17.-A squad

of more than forty candidates for the Naval Academy baseball team respond-

ed to the call vesterday, and began pre-

liminary practice in the armory cage.

under the direction of Lieut, Robert A. Theobald, who will act as head coach.

and Nick Altrock, of the Washington

American League team, who will handle

belind the bat for the last two years is captain, and there is no doubt he will

With George Washington University

basketball players at Syracuse, N. Y.,

The C. U. players received a disap-

pointment at the last hour when it was

York.
George Washington will tackle Frank, in and Marshall after going through a course of sprouts from the Syracuse players. The G. W. U. team takes on

for the Middies.

the pitchers.

Charge of the Pitching Staff

tral High in 1909, is expected to be named as coach of the Blue and White nine this spring. The official announcement may be heard within a day or so. Monefee was with the Dallas team of the Texas League last season. He has been in minor league circles ever since leaving Central High. He is known as leaving Central High. He is known as a brainy backstop with qualities of leadership that will come in handy in instructing the youngsters at Central. Captain Heffin, third base: Hill, first base, and Rush, left field, are the only lads lost from the 1914 nine and Menefee, if he accepts the task of coaching the team, will have a fast bunch of kids, "Ike" MacDonald is captain of the 1915 team and will soon have his candidates working out at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. grounds. Y. M. C. As grounds.

No Minor League for

last night on his way to Pinchurst, N C., announced that the proposition to place a minor league in New England place a minor league in New England had been temporarily abandoned. He explained that he had received a report from his league's New England representative just as he was leaving New York, and that on the way to Baltimore he had considered it.

Baltimore he had considered it.

At the meeting held in New Haven several weeks ago, Gilmore said, he told the New England club owners that the Federals would be wiling to furnish better ball players than the people on the preposed c'rcuit had been accustomed to seeing, and that the league would agree to pay 50 or 60 per cent of the salaries of these men, but that the New England club owners would have to finance their own teams.

Since that meeting, Gilmore stated, several of the New England men had come to the conclusion that they would be unable to back clubs at this time bebe unable to back clubs at this time be-cause of conditions in the financial world. Consequently Gilmore reached the decision to temporarily abandon

Tri-State League to Stick to the Grind

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Reb. 17 -- At

ing. Plans were gone over and the dif-ferent representatives de ded to start the neason. The clubs remaining in the lengue at the close of last season were represented as follows: Harrisberg, Mer represented as follows: Harrisberg, Mer-cer B. Tate and William S. Tunis; Alleu-town, Max S. Erdman: Trenton, William Coy, claimant to the middleweight J. Morris John H. Myers, of Laneas-ter, who controls the Reading franchise, tought a ten-round draw at the Broad-ter, who controls absente. was the only absentes.

ness. Those old wallops of his are going to be missed many a day next summer. "The passing of Baker means considerable to the Washington ball cluotide of the broke up many hot games that should have come our way, but didn't to the wall. In this way I am pleased to have him out of that ball club. Oldring, McInnes, Barry and Murphy male hard enough work for the opposing pitcher to suit anybody alive." been postponed another year. Newark has been decided on for the Kansas City franchise, it was learned to the sale cluotiday. The formal announcement will come probably tomorrow from Pat Powers, the "man behind the gun" in the shift. "Soons or later." said Gilmore, as he boarded his train, "the Feds are going to be in New York—you can bet on that." COACH AT CENTRAL WILL HOLD FINALS THE LITTLE OF EVERYTHING By "BUGS" BAER. IN TITLE MATCH

The suffering among the destitute defies description. Penn University is down to boasting she has a champion wrestler.

0000 From 00000 Leaves 00000 Connie Mack says there ain't any profits in baseball, and that the players get 90 per cent of the profits.

Naturally, a charge of profes-

The Demand Ain't Equal To the Supply.



Bureau of Chemistry forbids the substitution of crawfish for lobsters, but neglects to prohibit the substitution of lobsters for ballplayers.

Won't be long before President Barrow

will be able to get his league in one.

Harvard Crew Is Out.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 17.-Harmeeting of the Tri-State League, called vard's varsity crew went out on the vesterday by President George M. Gra- Charles river yesterday. It was one ham at the Majestic, it was decided to of the carliest appearances of a Crimham at the Majestic, it was decided to stick for the coming season and efforts were made to fill out the circuit. Another meeting has been called for March 19.

Little definite was done at the meeting and down the lane. They were out up and down the lane. They were out about half an hour.

McCoys in a Draw.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- "Old" At Mc-Coy, claimant to the middleweigh: way Sporting Club last night.

Wrestlers Will Go to the Mat at **Armory Tomorrow Night for** Championships.

Finals in the D. C. N. G. wrestling tournament will be held at the armory tomorrow night to determine the winners in the various classes. Competition is expected to be unusually keen for the matches, as the Memorials, Y. M. C. A., and Gallaudet wrestlers are anxious to land the greatest number of

last night at which Gallaudet landed two bouts. The "Y" men were handi-capped by the absence of Paxton, their dual winner and titleholder, who has dual winner and titleholder, who has been undefeated this season. In the first lightweight bout Murgie, of the National Guard, defeated Miro, also of the militia, on the decision in fifteen minutes of fast work, while in the other lightweight bout Jordon, of Memorial, defeated Mathers, of the Y.

"A fan is a nut who waits six months for the

months for the season to open, and six more months for it to close."

of the National Guards. The summaries:

Miro. of D. C. N. G., vs. Murgie, of D. C. N. G., 135 pounds—Won by Murgie on decision. Time, fifteen minutes.

Jordon Memorial A. C., vs. Mathers, Y. M. C. A., 135 pounds—Won by Jordon on fall. Time, eight minutes and forty-seven seconds.

McInturff, Gallaudet, vs. Turner, Y. M. C. A., 145 pounds—Won by McInturff on falls. Time, three minutes and one second. one second.

Gillant, Gallaudet, vs. Taylor, D. C. N.
G.—Won by Gillant on decision. Time,
fifteen minutes.

Pairing for Thursday—Marshall, Me-

There are a few things that make more noise than a motorcycle at midnight, and those few things are other motorcycles at ather midnights.

Skeets Watson has forsaken golf for billiards as he says he prefers to have his water hazard on the side.

Pairing for Thursday—Marshall, Memorial, 105 pounds; Marshall, Memorial, 105 pounds; S. Becket, Memorial, 115 pounds; S. Becket, Memorial, 125 pounds; Jordon, Memorial, vs. Murgle, D. C. N. G., 135 pounds; R. Becket, Memorial, vs. McInturff, Gallaudet, 145 pounds; Davis, Gallaudet, 158 pounds; Davis, Gallaudet, vs. Ladd, Gallaudet, heavy-weight class. weight class

Montano Wrestles.

Winter.

The All-American football team's showing vindicates Walter Camp.

Showing vindicates Walter Camp.

Reserves Wins.

The Epiphany Reserves took the measure of the Gallinger Playground team yesterday by a score of 51 to 41. Ingley, with seven baskets from floor, led both teams in shooting.

John Ruskin BEST AND BIGGEST A CIGAL FOR ALL MEN

BASEBALL FOR FARM

Philadelphia Fans Amazed as Famous \$100,000 Infield Is Smashed to Pieces.

PHLADELPHIA, Feb. 17 .- Fans here stand amazed at the official announcement from Connie Mack that J. Franklin Baker, the famous home run slugger, hero of every world's series he has played in except the last, has guit baseball forever. What will become of the once great \$100,000 infield cannot be

"I have nothing to add to my announcement at the banquet of the Sport Writers' Association last night," said connie Mack today. "There has been no leagreement over salary terms with Baker. He has just simply decided to quit, that's all. I seriously doubt any story to the effect that he is to sign up with the St. Louis Feds."

The announcement from Connis Mack ame like a thunderclap at the big banjust here last night. After President Isaminger had lauded the lean leader for several minutes, he allowed Connie to rise. At the very start Connie said: "Gentlemen, I have given you a lot of surprises lately, but tonight I have a real surprise for you. I have feit it coming for two or three years. The Athletics are going to lose J. Franklin Baker. "I only received word tonight from him that he had quit baseball and that 1914 had been his last year on the dia-

isli had been his last year on the diamond."

"Last spring I went down to see Baker about signing a contract. For years I had made this trip and I determined to sign Baker to a three-year contract, and I auggested this plan to him. After some difficulty he signed, but only with the proviso that if he wanted to, he could retire after the playing season of 1914." "You don't have to play baseball this year, if you don't want to," I told him, "but I don't want to run down to Trappe, Md., every year."

Baker's real reason for quitting baseball is that he prefers to remain on his big farm at Trappe, Md. Mrs. Baker, particularly since the death of their children, has been urging him to stay home with her, instead of traveling around the country with the Athletics. The big slugger has invested all his salary and world's series melons in Maryland land and is well able to retire from the game in which he has long been a hero.

Who will succeed Baker cannot be

from the game in which he has long been a hero.

Who will succeed Baker cannot be said right now, but little Kopf may be tried there. Kopf showed flashes of real class last September, especially in the three games played in Washington, and Connie Mack is inclined to try him on the hot corner. However, Kopf is no home-run hitter in the pinches.

BIG HOLIDAY SHOW

Cortez and Langdon Now Certain of Meeting in Fifteen-Round Bout at Ardmore.

Both Andy Cortez, the Hoboken lightweight, and Tominy Langdon, of Phila delphia, have posted their forfeits to appear and weigh in at no more than 185 pounds for their fifteen-round bout at the Ardmore Club on Washington's Birthday. Each lad is desirous of winning decisively, thus climbing up a notch on the ladder leading to a battle here with Tommy Lowe, Washington's Conn., meet, when the Hilltoppers

The Ardmore management is now thinking of staging this Langdon-Cortez bout in the afternoon of Washington's Birthday, instead of at night. It has Technology in a relay. The Tech be free from toil that day, and will be able to visit Ardmore in the afternoon and still keep whatever engagements they may have for the night. Some de-cision is expected to be reached late

today "Many fans have come to us," said Manager Phillips today, "and notified us that dances and celebrations on the night of Washington's Birthday would hight of Washington's Birthday would keep them away from the show, but that they could easily see it if it were an afternoon exhibition. This set us the rest of the squad will go over to the fans attend their dances just the same."

door meet next Saturday in Baltimore. The relay men will be at Hartford, but the rest of the squad will go over to the Monumental City and compete in their specialties. Coach O'Reilly is deliced the same." door meet next Saturday in Baltimore.

the same."

Tickets have gone on sale for this show, which promises to eclipse the Lowe-Brown battle New Year Day in point of attendance. Cortez has so many admirers here that his support will make this service. many admirers here that his support will make him a regular "native son" when he clambers through the ropes. However, Langdon is not without friends, though he is to make his first Washington appearance here on Washington's Birthday. His record is widely known, and his fancy style of milling should soon attract friends to his side of the argument.

Rigler Signs Contract To Officiate in 1915

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- With the receipt of Charley Rigler's signed contract, the National League umpire list is now complete, Secretary John Heydler announced today. The staff includes Klem, Rigler, Eason. Orth, Byron, Hart. Emslie, and Quigley, regulars. Lincoln, a substitute last year, has been dropped, and his place filled by George Cockill, late of the Tri-State League.

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How many more times is Freddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion, going to be matched in no-decision bouts? The answer is plainjust as often as the public will fork over its money to see him trounced in no-decision bouts.

Charlie White, the Chicago boy, walloped the champion beautifully in ten rounds in Milwaukee. Joe Shugrue outpointed him in New York. Jimmy Duffy did the same thing in Buffalo, and Johnny Griffiths followed suit in Akron, Ohio. Furthermore, in addition to these American contenders, it is strongly suspected that both Johnny Dundee and Willie Ritchie can defeat Welsh. Ritchie is quoted as saying that he was jobbed out of his title in London. Well, some light may be shed upon that contention after the former champlen meets Welsh at Madisen Square Garden next month.

Weish has held his title nearly a year now. Not since the night he outpointed Ritchie in London has Welsh entered the ring to meet an opponent in a decision affair over any distance. He has been well treated in the United States, being given bouts in every section, and always paid the price due a champion. In Akron he was given \$4,000 for twelve rounds with no decision, and Harry Pollack, his manager, had arranged things so well that Griffiths could not win on a foul. Thus, had Welsh struck his opponent low, putting him out of business for a while. Griffiths would have had no relief. Had he struggled to continue in a helpless condition, Welsh might easily have put him away, adding a rare thing to his record in the ring. And this is the type of champion they make in these days!

At least two myths, long connected with baseball, have been exploded by

At least two myths, long connected with baseball, have been exploded by the Federal League. For years we have been informed of a secret war fund being collected by each of the major leagues for use against any beld invader. Several major league magnates have been in dangerous financial shoals, yet no comforting war fund has been called into play. If the magnate couldn't hold his, that was his own lookous.

It has been the same story with the "protection" supposed to be at hand for those in organized baseball. Jack Dunn, the game magnate in Baltimore, was allowed to go to the wall in his fight against the Federal League. Then he was allowed to pay some more of his hard money to get into Richmond in an effort to escape the grasp of the Gilmore tribe. Dunn must be delighted with the "protection" given him. Sure, he was "given permission" to sell his stars, to break up a pennant-winning club and pay his debts to others in the clan of organized baseball. But that must have been small satisfaction to a brainy man who has spent all his life on the diamond.

Let's hear no more of this "war fund" or this "protection" until they appear. What sort of protection is the International League getting now? The Buffalo club is fighting an opposition Federal League outfit. Montreal and Toronto have a European war as a side attraction. Jersey City isn't even allowed to shift from a worn-out town to a live one. If Newark is invaded by the Feds, Newark's International League club will be graciously allowed to follow Jack Dunn's example. This is the life:

Jack Johnson, world's heavyweight champion, may find himself in a peck of trouble, if he leaves the ring at Justez. Mexico, with \$30,000 in his jeans after his bout with Jess Willard. Barred from the United States, he must again reach civilization through Mexico. Can you imagine one of those Mexican generals allowing him to get away with some 200,000 pesos, the equivalent in Mexican money of what Jack will have? With money scarce, some of those generals is almost certain to bag that coin. And what redress will Jack have? Nothing that can be seen with the naked eye.

Boys, there's hope! If the rumor be true that J. Franklin Baker, of Trappe, Md., and Philadelphia, Pa., will remain on the farm forevermore, the Griffmen may have a chance to sneak into the championship, if the Red Sox, Tixers, White Sox, et al. don't happen to be looking. Baker has been, with Collins, Barry, Bender and Plank, the worst linx ever opposing a good, old-fashioned baseball club, so far as the Griffmen are concerned. He has simply broken the hearts of several Washington pitchers. His timely homers, triples, and doubles, not to mention ordinary singles traveling like bullets, have spilled the beans many a time when the Griffmen seemed about to cash in. Connie declares that Baker will not be in line this season. Boys, there's hope!

Believe Jones Will POST FORFEITS FOR Lead All in Dashes

"Nubby" Jones, Georgetown's crack them all to appear, if only for the experience. sprinter, is expected to flash to the front in the dashes at the coming for admission to the annual George-Georgetown indoor meet, staged at town meet. Following the example of Convention Hall on the night of February 27. He is showing all his 1914 form in the daily workouts at the Hilltop and Coach O'Reilly believes Jones will show his heels to all the dash men appearing at the big meet.

Jones' great work in the intercel.

Graduate Manager Charles R. Cox who lowered prices for the football games played across the creek, Manager Tom Gurry, of the team, has decided to have no seat in the big hall priced higher than \$1.50. The best seats at the finish will cost but \$1.50, \$1 cheap-reserved the prices for the football games played across the creek, Manager Tom Gurry, of the team, has decided to have no seat in the big hall priced higher than \$1.50. The best seats at the finish will cost than they have ever been in recent years. Seats below the finish will cost \$1,000 for the football games played across the creek, Manager Tom Gurry, of the team, has decided to have no seat in the big hall priced higher than \$1.50. The best seats at the finish will cost but \$1.50, \$1 cheap-reserved higher than \$1.50 for the football games played across the creek, Manager Tom Gurry, of the team, has decided to have no seat in the big hall priced higher than \$1.50. The best seats at the finish will cost but \$1.50, \$1 cheap-reserved higher than \$1.50 for the football games played across the creek, Manager Tom Gurry, of the team, has decided to have no seat in the big hall priced higher than \$1.50 for the best seats at the finish will cost but \$1.50, \$1 cheap-reserved higher than \$1.50 for the priced higher than \$1.50 for the best seats at the finish will cost but \$1.50, \$1 cheap-reserved higher than \$1.50 for the priced higher than \$1.50 for the priced higher than \$1.50 for the priced higher than \$1.50 for the forest higher than \$1.50 for the fores

Jones' great work in the intercollegiates last year stamped him as one of the best sprinters in the country, no matter what the conditions may be, and the Blue and Gray expression which is the stamped him as one of the best sprinters in the country, no matter what the conditions may be, and the Blue and Gray expression which is the stamped him as one of the best sprinters in the country. "Mr. Cox tells me that with lowered prices the football season was more prosperous than ever before." explains Manager Gurry. "With no Virginia did play football at Coxec." may be, and the Blue and Gray expect to see him land many points in
the big meet.

books show an increase over the virginia did play football at Georgetown. With these facts in front of
me, I have decided to lower the prices
for the track meet. That this is a good It is possible that Jones will give move is shown by the heavy advance sale at Spalding's. I expect the hall to be crowded the night of the meet."

Lehigh's track athletes, who have face Massachusetts Institute of been setting up a great record this winter, will not want for supporters when the control of this city have bought one entire section, and Lehigh songs and cheers will be a set of this city have bought one entire section, and Lehigh songs and cheers will be a set of the section. force the West Enders to show all their speed before the tape is reached.

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The prizes to be awarded in the us the rest of the squad will go over to the Monumental City and compete in Spalding's windows, and are attracting a lot of attention. They have been picked out by Jimmy Mulligan, former sirous of getting a good line of some track star and later coach at the Hillof his second-string runners, and wants top.

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